

## House Resolution No. 4853

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a momentous milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Callaway County residents; and

**Whereas**, Old Auxvasse Presbyterian Church in Kingdom City, Missouri, commemorated the jubilant occasion of its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary on July 27, 2003, with a special celebration and worship service followed by tours of the cemetery; and

**Whereas**, founded in northern Callaway County along the Boonslick Trail near Auxvasse Creek in 1828, Old Auxvasse Presbyterian Church merged with Nine Mile Prairie Church, an offspring church founded in 1901, in 1968; and

**Whereas**, Old Auxvasse Presbyterian Church also celebrated the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the merging of the two churches into the Old Auxvasse-Nine Mile Presbyterian Church on the same date; and

**Whereas**, in 1849, the Missouri Presbytery gathered at the Old Auxvasse Church and adopted the resolution leading to the establishment of Westminster College in Fulton; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend John F. Cowan, a professor at Westminster College, served the congregation of Old Auxvasse Presbyterian Church for more than fifty-three years without compensation, during which time he played an integral role in the success and growth of the church as 145 new members joined the church; and

**Whereas**, the oldest Presbyterian Church west of St. Charles, Old Auxvasse-Nine Mile Presbyterian Church is known, admired, and respected throughout the Kingdom City community as a divine proclaimer of faith and friend to those in need, and continues a fine tradition of one hundred seventy-five years through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a wonderful future with God:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Terry Kukuk Sheppard and to the entire congregation of Old Auxvasse-Nine Mile Presbyterian Church upon this very special anniversary event, and in wishing them tremendous peace and prosperity as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Old Auxvasse-Nine Mile Presbyterian Church in Kingdom City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4853, adopted December 17, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker